

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

ca 1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing sheet material in different successively processed groups, comprising the following method steps:

separating the different groups of sheet material, and  
processing the separate groups of sheet material,

wherein a separator card (~~TK~~) is used for separating the different groups of sheet material, and at least one information carrier (~~HK~~) is used for processing the different groups of sheet material, the separator card and the at least one information carrier being separate from one another.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one information carrier (~~HK~~) ~~is/are~~ is inserted at any points within the different groups of sheet material.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the separator card (~~TK~~) is inserted at the beginning of each different group of sheet material, and the at least one information carrier (~~HK~~) is inserted at the end of each different group of sheet material.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 or 3, wherein subgroups of sheet material are formed by using a plurality of information carriers (~~HK~~) within a group of sheet material.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein the separator card (~~TK~~) and the at least one information carrier (~~HK~~) are brought together with the groups of sheet material at different places.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein a deliverer of one or more groups of sheet material provides the at least one information carrier ~~(HK)~~ with information.

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7. (Currently Amended) Means for separating and processing different groups of sheet material in a sheet processing device, the means comprising;

at least one separator card ~~(TK)~~ arranged to provide an indication of a separate group of sheet material to the sheet processing device; and

at least one information carrier ~~(HK)~~ arranged to provide information to the sheet processing device concerning a group of sheet material;

wherein the at least one separator card and the at least one information carrier are separate from one another.

8. (Currently Amended) Means according to claim 7, wherein the separator card ~~(TK)~~ and/or the at least one information carrier ~~(HK)~~ are coded.

9. (Currently Amended) Means according to claim 8, wherein the coding of the separator card ~~(TK)~~ and/or the at least one information carrier ~~(HK)~~ comprise a magnetic and/or optical and/or electric and/or electronic coding.

10. (Currently Amended) Means according to one of claims 7 to 9, wherein the at least one information carrier ~~(HK)~~ ~~is/are~~ is formed by part of the sheet material.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the separator card ~~(TK)~~ and the at least one information carrier ~~(HK)~~ are brought together with the groups of sheet material at different places.

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12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein a deliverer of one or more groups of sheet material provides the at least one information carrier ~~(HK)~~ with information.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein a deliverer of one or more groups of sheet material provides the at least one information carrier ~~(HK)~~ with information.

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